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SUBJ: JULY 19 GATT COUNCIL--EC BEEF BAN

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1. MISSION BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT U.S. MAKE STATEMENT IN JULY
19 GATT COUNCIL ON EC BAN ON BEEF-IMPORTS (REFTEL). INFORMAL
DISCUSSIONS WITH GENEVA DELS OF AFFECTED PARTIES, INCLUDING
NEW ZEALAND AND SEVERAL LDCS, SUGGEST SOME MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY
MOBILIZING OWN CAPITALS TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS IN TIME FOR
COUNCIL (ALTHOUGH ARGENTINA HAS ALREADY MADE STATEMENT IN
TNC DEPLORING EC ACTIONS), BUT OTHERS LIKELY TO RAISE MATTER.
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IN VIEW UPCOMING VOID IN GATT ACTIVITY DUE EUROPEAN

VACATION SEASON, THIS MAY BE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SPOTLIGHT MATTER UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER.

2. WE INTEND MAKE STATEMENT DEPLORING EC ACTION ESPECIALLY IN CURRENT WORLD TRADE SETTING AND POINTING TO DIFFICULTIES THIS CAUSES COUNTRIES LIKE U.S. TO RESIST PRESSURES FOR OWN RESTRICTIONS. WE WILL ALLUDE TO OECD STANDSTILL IN GENERAL TERMS AND TO CONTEXT OF MTN ORIENTATION TO GREATER LIBERALIZATION OF WORLD TRADE. WE WILL ALSO SAY WE EXPECT PROMPT GATT NOTIFICATION. WE PLAN MAKE THESE STATEMENTS UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS JULY 19 GENEVA TIME. MALMGREN CONCURS.DALE

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